

CREWE, VA.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CREWE, VA., December 8.—Work will soon be begun on the public school building. Owing to the large number of pupils in attendance this season, it has been found necessary to add several more rooms.

Miss Edna Wells, of King's School of Oratory, Pittsburgh, Pa., will give a recital at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall Tuesday evening, December 12th. This is given for the benefit of the Presbyterian church fund.

The engagement of Mr. E. Hudson Wilson, of this place, to Miss Sarah Hardy, of Richmond, has been announced, the wedding to take place some time this month.

Rev. Paul Bradley has been confined to his home by sickness for several days. There will be a special missionary service conducted Sunday night at the Christian Church. Among other things will be an address by the pastor, Rev. C. E. Elmore.

W. T. Wells, of Rocky Mount, was the guest of friends here Sunday.

The address before the Young Men's Christian Association Sunday afternoon was by Mr. George Adams, of Blackstone.

Mr. J. H. Bailey has accepted a position at Suffolk with the Tidewater, and will remove his family there at an early day.

Mrs. C. S. Smithson was a guest of friends in the attractive home of Mrs. W. A. Land, of Blackstone, Tuesday evening.

Miss Josephine Riton and friend, Miss Wan Long, of Virginia College, have lately visited Miss Riton's parents here.

Mr. Will Younglove, of Johnstown, N. Y., is spending some time with his uncle, Superintendent V. A. Riton. He has accepted a position on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, and will, when he leaves here, be stationed at Montvale.

Miss Grace Cross, of the Blackstone Female Institute, spent several days with Mrs. H. C. Page the past week.

Mr. H. L. Smithson spent several days in Richmond this week.

Mr. J. H. Hines is on the sick list this week.

MILLER SCHOOL

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MILLER SCHOOL, VA., December 8.—Mr. R. B. Fulton went to New York City this week on educational business.

Professor Stonehill Tompkins was in New York City this week also.

Mrs. Fannie Black, of Blackburg, was a guest of Mr. Granville Taylor this week.

Rev. Mr. C. M. Robertson paid the school a visit this week. His many friends were delighted to see him.

Mrs. C. E. Vawter returned home this week after an extensive visit to her children and friends of Danville and Blackburg, Va.

Miss Roberta Fulton returned this week after an extensive and delightful Thanksgiving tour.

The Vawter Literary Society will give a public debate Saturday evening, December 16th, in the chapel. Something rich and rare is anticipated.

The farmers in this vicinity are having a "hog killing time," and the "swimmers" are going to Greece, therefore the universal petition or cry (ascending on high) is "hard-headers money up!"

We can say without fear or favor, that "hog and hominy" is a drug on the market.

Miss Lena H. Tucker left to-day for St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, Va. Her sister, Mrs. Lyon G. Tyler, and Miss Mary Scott Jones, a trained nurse, accompany her.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 8.—Mrs. H. D. Ingalls and Miss Annie Ham-

Bladder Trouble Cured

Backache, headache, indigestion, rheumatism, skin trouble, etc., are the cries of clogged kidneys for relief. Thousands have kidney trouble who do not know it until it has reached the danger point. Any one can, if taken in time, be cured by

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J. R. OWENS.

Mr. J. R. Owens, who was a nurse and orderly in the New York Hospital for eight years, was very sick with bladder trouble, and praises Warner's Safe Cure for saving his life.

He has seen many die on the operating table while being treated for diseases similar to his own. He preferred to take Warner's Safe Cure, and is alive and well.

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Both of Richmond, have been guests this week at the home of Mrs. H. N. Phillips.

Miss Annie Franklin Barnes, of Richmond, spent several days with Miss Ellen Barnes during the early part of the week.

Mrs. S. J. Brooks, of Manchester, visited relatives here recently.

Mr. A. H. Sharp, who has been visiting friends in Norfolk, has returned home.

Mr. John Hanford, of Crab Neck, spent last week with friends at Bigelow.

Mrs. Ella Swartz, of Popponess, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Louise Gage, at Bigelow.

Miss Catherine McTish, of Case City, Mich., has arrived here to spend the winter with her brother, Mr. Herbert McTish.

Mrs. A. T. Hunt, who has been spending the autumn in the mountains of Virginia and later visiting her sisters in King William and Caroline counties, is now with her daughter, Mrs. H. T. Louthan.

Misses Catherine Gaddy and Virginia Peachey, who are attending the Southern Female Institute in Petersburg, spent several days of last week at their homes here.

Mrs. Beulah Simmonson, of Bigelow, is visiting friends and relatives in Hampton, Newport News and Norfolk.

SOCIETY IN RALEIGH.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., December 8.—The crowning social event in Raleigh this past week was the rendering of Gault's "Holy City" Thursday night in the auditorium of the Raleigh University for Women.

The direction of Professor W. A. B. Brown, director of music for this splendid institution. The Choral Society is composed of about one hundred ladies of Raleigh most cultured in music.

The society was assisted by Mr. Robert Smock and Mr. B. Merrill Hopkinson, of Baltimore, as soloists. Mrs. H. H. Brown, of Raleigh, also participated as soloist with a very high degree of success. There was quite a large audience, and the highest degree of enthusiastic appreciation was manifested.

The great success of the affair reflects great credit on Professor Brown and the splendid educational institution over the musical department of which he so ably presides.

A turn in Raleigh's social interests which gives a high degree of satisfaction is the determination of the Woman's Club to erect a new building.

The club purchased during the week the Lodge property opposite the Capitol Square at a cost of \$2,000, and will proceed with the building and its equipment with the least possible delay. A feature of the building will be a recreation room on the first floor and a kitchen and dining-room attached, in which members who are down town shopping can drop in for tea or lunch, or if they desire, for a full meal.

The incorporators of the company which will erect the building are Dr. Dixon-Carroll, Mrs. J. N. Holden, Mrs. H. E. Litchford, Miss Fannie Hicks, Mrs. B. S. Skinner, and Mrs. J. M. Turner.

The officers of the club are Miss Hicks, president; Miss Ada Womble, secretary; Mrs. Herbert Jackson, treasurer. The board of the six departments or work are: Domestic, Mrs. C. R. Turner; Art, Mrs. B. S. Skinner; Music, Mrs. J. M. Turner; Literature, Mrs. W. S. Primrose; Art, Miss Leopold.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. C. M. Busbee entertained delightfully at tea in honor of Mrs. Henry M. Flagler, who is visiting her uncle, Colonel Thos. S. Kennan, clerk of the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Busbee's guests were Mrs. C. O. Haines, Mrs. William B. Grimes, Mrs. B. W. Maker, Mrs. W. H. Williamson, Mrs. F. M. Stronach, Mrs. Charles McKimmon, Mrs. Grimes Cowper, Mrs. J. H. Hunter, Mrs. W. J. Andrews, Mrs. Charles O. Haines, Mrs. H. W. Jackson, Mrs. Haywood D. White and Mrs. W. H. Barclay.

A number of Raleigh's society folk with musical turn went to Duke, Harnett county, Tuesday night to participate in a special concert given for the benefit of the Episcopal Church there. The affair was a decided success from the viewpoint of both art and finances. Those from Raleigh who participated were Mrs. Charles McKimmon, Mrs. Ashby L. Baker, Misses Mary and Helen Smidges, Miss Elsie Roberts and Dr. H. A. Royter.

Tuesday evening Mrs. Josephus Daniels entertained the Fortnightly Review Club most charmingly. The special program was from the members of the club were Mrs. Henry M. Flagler, Florida; Mrs. Cary J. Hunter, Mrs. W. J. Andrews, Mrs. Charles O. Haines, Mrs. H. W. Jackson, Mrs. Haywood D. White and Mrs. W. H. Barclay.

Mrs. R. B. Roney was the hostess for the Book Club this week. The club had as its special study for the meeting "Piracy in North Carolina." Three papers of interest were read, "Blackbeard and Governor Eden," by Miss Maude Merrimon; "Social Life of the Colonials," by Mrs. Herbert Bush, and "Pirates, Bonnet and the Decline of Piracy," by Mrs. R. D. W. Connor. A feature of the entertainment was an alphabetical contest, in which questions were given on cards which were hand-painted, the decoration being North Carolina flags. Prize winners were Mrs. Grimes Cowper and Miss Maude Merrimon. For a luncheon which followed the dining table was decorated with American Beauty roses and other cut flowers.

PEOPLE IN CAROLINE

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BOWLING GREEN, VA., December 8.—Mrs. James T. Richards was in Richmond this week.

Miss Cary, of Mobile, Ala., is visiting at the old mansion, the home of Mr. John L. White.

Mr. George Peyton and daughter, Miss Gladys, of Richmond, are visiting at Mr. C. L. Collins.

STRAIGHTEN RIVER CHANNEL IS PLAN OF BUSINESS MEN



Map showing convolutions in James River, dotted lines indicating how channel could be straightened.

Interesting Matter Brought Up in Connection With Improvement of Rivers and Harbors by Federal Government.

In connection with the improvement of rivers and harbors by the Federal government, an interesting suggestion has been made relative to the improvement of the James River, which would be of great value to Richmond in the future. This suggestion is the feasibility at reasonable cost of diminishing the time and distance by boat from this city to Newport News and Norfolk, and thence to seaboard points generally.

As yet the matter is but a suggestion, but it comes from a gentleman who has given great study to the subject, and who is alive to the importance to Richmond of maintaining a water route from this city to the seaboard and to the leading ports. Such water route is desirable in shipping sufficient competition with the rail routes to keep down freight charges to the minimum and maintain Richmond as a port.

The gentleman offering the suggestion is Mr. W. W. Gay, who has for a long time given considerable thought to the subject in various phases, though he has not ascertained with accuracy the engineering problem involved. Briefly stated, his plan is for the straightening of the kinks in the James River between the Dutch Gap Canal and the Bermuda Hundred, so as to make a direct line to the city and the river make two great convolutions, almost doubling upon itself in its tortuous course at this point.

By constructing a channel through the alluvial soil forming these narrow necks of land Jones Neck and Turkey Bend, a circuitous route of twelve or fifteen miles will be eliminated, with consequent saving in time, in fuel, coal and in mileage to Newport News or Norfolk, to New York and otherwise.

Mr. Gay is president of the Mayo Land and Bridge Company, Southern Coal and Iron Company and Lumber Company. He is familiar with the James River in general and with the vicinity of Richmond particularly.

Talking with a representative of The Times-Dispatch yesterday, on the latter's initiative, Mr. Gay went over the situation briefly and in a general way, pointing out the possibilities of the problem and the probable results of the execution of the plan outlined. Rough estimates, based upon a large map of Henrico county in 1888, show that the distance across Jones Neck, at its narrowest point, is less than two-thirds of a mile, and across Turkey Bend, at Presque Isle, hardly one-half a mile. The contour is not so formidable as was the case at Dutch Gap, the highest elevation above the water level in one case being only about twenty feet, and in the other less than forty.

In one case a small stream and the ravine formed thereby greatly reduces the engineering difficulties.

The approximate cost of the excavation necessary to open the new channels has not been figured out. Some express the belief that with improved appliances and powerful shovels and dredges it would hardly exceed a quarter of a million, but this figure is probably far too small.

Many Advantages. As to the benefits accruing from the consummation of such a scheme it is difficult to estimate them. The saving in time, in fuel and freight rates would in the course of a year amount to a great deal. Such a straightening of the channel would permit the towing by tugs of numerous barges to and from the city to deep water. This is now impossible by reason of the tortuous course of the stream.

It is said that the provision of this convenience to commerce alone would effect a great reduction in freight. One tug might then tow a string of loaded barges as easily as it could now draw one such. It is about 108 miles by river from this city to Newport News, and this would be reduced to about 80, with a consequent saving in time.

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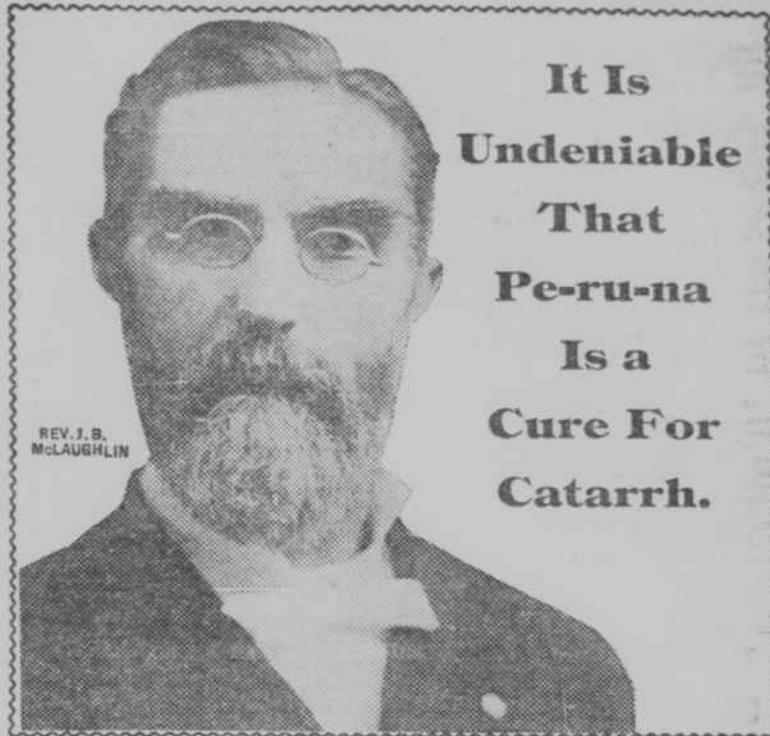
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CATARRH soon destroys the elasticity of the mucous membrane, producing a flabby condition. This leads to watery secretions, sometimes thickened mucus, and constitutes altogether a very disagreeable condition.

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BLOW AT TIPPING.

Commercial Travelers in Philadelphia Are to Try the Reform.

Ought the traveling public to hand out tips and so pay the wages of the porters on the sleeping cars? Ought a long-haired port to be required to fee his hairdresser as well as pay the master barber who runs the shop? Cannot a hungry man get a meal and have it properly served without paying both the restaurateur and the waiter? Why is it that in a hushery of either high or low degree, a free-born American citizen cannot reach for his hat or his coat without being held up by the man with the itching palm? Women are not so easily victimized as men, but if things go on a little longer as they have been going they will be unable to buy a yard of ribbon or a pound of tea without tipping the ethereal creature being the man with the itching palm? There will be a reform, sure enough, thorough and far-reaching and permanent.

In the meantime some of the sterner sex are going to try their hand at it. Certain traveling men have formed a society to fight against the tipping evil. They know what services and courtesies they ought to receive from those who enter to the public, and they propose to get them, without tips to barbers, porters, chambermaids, cabmen and waiters.

B. H. C. Mercer, of Philadelphia, is the president of the society. He wants everybody to join, and he feels confident that, so far at least as the traveling men are concerned, the tipping evil can be abolished. Unity of effort and concentration of energy and a stern refusal to push the hand into the pocket for small change at every opportunity will accomplish the desired results, in his opinion. Good luck to him and his associates. They are going into battle for the benefit of all—Rochester Post Express.

Queen Alexandra, of England, is addicted to the ess-bouquet, the formula for which as used for the English royal family is said to be a secret, handed down from father to son since 1820. The components are said to be musk, ambergris, rosewater, violet, jasmine, orange and lavender.

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